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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 17, 2002, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda

I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports

II. Ordinances and Resolutions

III. Citizens' Forum

IV. Refreshments

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Editor's Notes

The Village Voice is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The mission of this newsletter is to foster a spirit of community and co-operation. It is the vehicle for reporting the monthly deliberations of the mayor and the council in town council meetings; additionally it provides these officials and other villagers a means of communicating--it is a "voice." Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

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Editor's Appreciation to:

ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing
Tricia Crapet, RealtySouth, for production

A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

Many changes have occurred in our city government, and it seems important at this time to list our elected and appointed officials.

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Mayor: Gene Weingarten 988-5417
1617 Indian Crest Drive, Indian Springs, AL 35124

Town Clerk: Shirley Church 991-6148
335 New Hope Mountain Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124

Asst. Clerk: Jim Wyatt 988-0327
231 Indian Trail, Indian Springs, AL 35124

C.F.O.: Paul Stephens 988-4672
88 Indian Crest Drive, Indian Springs, AL 35124

Council: Herb Robins 980-9217;(205)221-4130 office
Road Maintenance
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Art Johnson 988-3217; 980-3901 office
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City Attorney: Russell Q. Allison 822-2006 office
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Town Council Highlights

November 19, 2002

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council, Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on November 19, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss present.

Town Clerk Shirley Church reported the following revenues: beer taxes, \$986.08; vehicle licenses, \$577.77; Charter Communications utility tax, \$3,607.75; road funds, \$1,130; and Children's Fund donations, \$600. The balance in the general fund was \$85,062, and the road fund balance stood at \$60,599.21.

Committee reports were as follows: Mayor Weingarten reported that although the turn lane project for Cahaba Valley Road is still being studied by the State of Alabama Department of Transportation, positive progress was being made. Councilman Art Johnson reported that there is a need for volunteers for the aluminum can recycling program, which takes no more than an hour per month. Councilwoman Patricia Crapet noted that the recycling proceeds fund *The Village Voice*, and urged all Villagers to get involved, since printing costs have gone up considerably in the past year. Councilman Brian Stauss reported that the website is back online basically with the same host, but without the "middle man," therefore the cost has gone down, while space for the site has increased. Councilman Stauss also reported that the old computer had found a home with Villager Margaret Nichols' handicapped nephew. Councilman Stauss informed the council that approximately 50,000 pounds of gravel would be delivered soon for the walking track, which has been damaged due to recent torrential rains.

In compliance with the Code of Alabama, Section 11-43-81, the council needed to affirm the appointment of the new Town Clerk, Shirley Church, as well as the new position of Clerk Emeritis and C.F.O. of former Town Clerk, Paul Stephens. In unanimous vote, both appointments were approved. It was also noted that all officials, either elected or appointed, who have contact with town funds, must be bonded per the Code of Alabama Section 11-43-13.

Jerry Templeton, Chairman of the ISV Zoning and Planning Commission, announced that volunteers for the re-vamping of the town's proposed comprehensive plan were needed for six teams (see next column). It was suggested that copies of all ISV ordinances be posted on the website, as well as being maintained at the Town Hall and by the town clerk.

In other zoning business, it was reported that a property owner in Cahaba Oaks who had installed an improperly-sized drainage pipe without a permit had been told to remove the pipe within 60 days. The pipe installed has been deemed too small and prohibits proper water flow.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt reported that a resident of ISV who lives on Miller Circle had received his yearly tax notice from Shelby County and noticed that their property was not listed as being in the Village. Records will be pulled and sent to Shelby County in an effort to correct the problem.

Volunteers Needed to Revise KPS Comprehensive Plan

By Jerry Templeton, Chairman, Zoning & Planning Commission

The Zoning & Planning Commission needs volunteers to work on six teams in revising the KPS Comprehensive Plan. Each team will be led by a member or members of the commission. The teams should be 4-5 volunteers who need to have their written recommendations finished and turned in to the Zoning & Planning Commission no later than February 11, 2003.

Each committee is to have at least one meeting (and hopefully more) to draft any changes, additions or deletions to the assigned part of the comprehensive plan. The final decision on any proposed changes remains with the Zoning & Planning Commission, as a whole, who will make a recommendation on a revised draft of the plan to the town council. (In addition, the proposed changes from the committees will also be included.) We need your help in this important task. The committees are the following:

Team 1. Implementation and Financing. Leaders-- Jerry Templeton and Brian Stauss.

Team 2. Strategic Development Concept. Leader-- Jerry Templeton.

Team 3. Natural Environment. Leaders--Bart Trammell and Foster Mathews.

Team 4. Land Use and Community Character. Leader--H. R. Little.

Team 5. Transportation. Leader--Kevin Miller.

Team 6. Community Services and Facilities. Leader--Warren Jones.

If you have already volunteered but have not been contacted, we will contact you very soon. If you want to serve, either e-mail Jerry Templeton at jerry@ttgpc.com or call and leave a message for him at 980-8848. **Please give us your name, telephone number and contact information and the committee of your choice.**

Village Recycling - Dec. 18

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

The next aluminum recycling pickup is Wednesday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. To help our volunteers identify your recycling, please use light-colored or clear plastic bags and place your recycling on the other side of the driveway from your Waste Management garbage pickup. Please tie your recycling bag with a knot. If the bags are not tied, our volunteers have to take extra time to tie them. Your recycling is transferred three separate times, and any spilled loose cans slows the process. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

In November the recycling team members were Margie and Herb Robins, Trudy and Paul Skokel, Bryan Bidy, Bo Holmes, Brian Stauss, and Art Johnson.

If you are not currently recycling, please join the growing number of ISV residents who recycle. Recycling just one aluminum can will save up to 95 percent of the energy needed to produce it from raw materials. If you put your cans out and they were not picked up, please call 988-3217. Sometimes the volunteers just do not see your cans, or some streets are skipped if there has been no cans to collect for four to six months. Your continuing participation is the primary reason for ISV's recycling success. Proceeds from recycling help to fund this newsletter, *The Village Voice*.

Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Permits are listed by address, applicant, request:
Auburn Road, Dollins, barn
Caldwell Mill Road (Wilson), Fravert, sign
Lot 11, Mountain Cove, Dobbs, new house
3200 Cahaba Valley Road, Stephens, renovations
Caldwell Mill Road, Fravert services, sign
220 Highgate Hill, Kool-Air, deck covering
700 Caldwell Trace, Baird Contracting, pump station elect.
2587 Willowbrook Circle, Norton Bldg. Co., Inc., addition
5212 Caldwell Mill Rd. Allen Mitchell, sign
4902 Windwood Circle, Fred Crum, detached garage

A Letter of Appreciation

Dear Indian Springs Residents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Indian Springs for their support of North Shelby Library. Despite the difficult financial situation, we have accomplished many things in the last two years. We have balanced the budget, expanded hours, and have started purchasing materials again. I am convinced that the library is moving forward and the future is bright. It is through the hard work of our library board and positive efforts of library "Friends" and boosters that this has become possible. Indian Springs Village has been a great supporter. Thank you for your efforts, and good luck in the future.

Sincerely,
Michael Jones

Editor's note: The North Shelby Library is currently reviewing candidates who have applied for the directorship vacated by Mr. Jones, who left Nov. 30. Carol Farr is the interim director.

Correction and Clarification

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Villagers who are good cooks probably noticed something was missing. It is hoped that if you tried out the Yum-Yum pie recipe published in last month's *Village Voice* you added a couple of slightly beaten eggs, inadvertently left out of the list of ingredients.

Here is Betty Michels' recipe again:

1 cup sugar
2 eggs, slightly beaten
3/4 stick butter, melted
3/4 cup chopped nuts
3/4 cup white raisins
3/4 cup coconut
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon vinegar
1 deep dish pie shell (9")

Mix above ingredients and pour into pie shell. Bake at 325 degrees for 50 minutes.

Christmas Ornaments for Sale

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

For those who like the look of nature in their Christmas decorations, the Shelby County Master Gardeners have fashioned ornaments from pine cones, magnolias, acorns, okra, corn husks, and nuts which are displayed on the Christmas tree in the lobby of the North Shelby Library. They will be for sale until Dec. 24.

Prices for the ornaments range from \$1.00 - \$3.00, and other items for sale are also reasonable, such as bags of nine bean soup (\$4.00) and flower pots with soil and bulbs ranging from \$3.00 - \$5.00 depending on the size.

All proceeds will be donated for books for the Library.

Library hours are Monday-Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The library will be closed for the holidays December 24 - 26 and December 31 - January 1, 2003.

ISV Children's Fund Donations

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council, Place # 2

It's not too late to send in your donation to the ISV Children's Fund. A big thanks goes to Villagers for donations received. Though donations have been coming in, more are still needed in order to assure that each child has a Merry Christmas. We all know that since 9-11-01, times have been hard for many people. Your donations, in any amount, are very appreciated, the results of which will bring smiles to precious faces on Christmas morning.

A big "thanks" to the following donors: **Caroline Cashion, Gene and Olivia Weingarten, Crawford and Betty Jinks, John and Marie Simmons, Alison Stigers, Steve and Pat Zerkis, Mary Grimes, Charles and Patricia Carmon, Peter and Paula Baran, Phillip and Pamela Bradford, Jerry and Becky Stovall, Madeline Johnson, Hugh and Frances Williamson, Jack and Rita Mendel, Kathy Lane, and Allen and Deborah Riha.**

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn & Jana Hagan (Homestead)

Sarah Krystle McCoy to Perform in Bowl Show

Sarah Krystle McCoy, a junior at Oak Mountain High School, returned December 1 from good-will performances aboard the *Grand Princess* cruise ship and is preparing to leave for San Diego to perform in the pre-game show at Super Bowl XXXVII on Jan. 26.

Her parents are Mike and Rose Lipscomb of 5524 Double Oak Lane, Indian Springs. She will be in San Diego for about a week.

Sarah was selected by the American All-Star Performance Team, and the good-will tour in the Caribbean included a tour of the island of Grand Cayman, visits to ancient Mayan ruins of Tulum, and fun in the sun of the beaches of Mexico and the private Bahamas island of Princess Cays. The troupe was the featured entertainment aboard the ship.

Selection to this international performance team is an honor reserved only for those young men and women who most exemplify energetic, young American spirit. Criteria for selection includes positive mental attitude, advanced dance/cheer/drill technique, good moral character, leadership, appearance and scholastic achievement.

The team members were selected from a field of 15,000 performers throughout the United States.

Arthurs Announce New Baby

Madelinde Elizabeth was welcomed by Paul and Heather Arthur of 5102 Split Rail Trail on October 2, weighing in at 7 lbs., 3 oz., and 21 inches long. She joins a big brother in the Arthur family, D. R. (Deaton Russell), age 2.

New Neighbors Welcomed

Rob and Michele Mann have moved to 5164 Hollow Log Lane, returning to the Birmingham area from Montgomery. Their two children are Robert, 5, and Sarah, 3. Robert attends the Oak Mountain Classical School affiliated with the Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church; Sarah enjoys ballet.

Moving Back to Augusta

Members of Homestead community have been saying their goodbyes to Chris and Mary Dickey of 5132 Hollow Log Lane, who are moving back to Augusta, GA, and wishing them well in their new place of residence.

Get Well Wishes

Emily Fulmer, 5124 Hollow Log Lane, is recovering from a mild heart attack.

Justin Miller Earns Eagle Rank

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

As a Cub Scout he set his goal of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn. Justin G. Miller of Indian Springs is one of only a small percentage of Boy Scouts who achieve this rank. He is a member of Troop 254 and is currently a senior attending Briarwood Christian High School. His parents are Kevin and Becky Miller of 151 Skyline Drive.

Justin has demonstrated perseverance and determination as a Scout. He has earned 31 merit badges. He has served his troop in various leadership positions, as quartermaster, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and senior patrol leader, the highest leadership position in the troop. In June 1999 he was chosen by his peers to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow, known as the honor society of the Boy Scouts of America.

Justin's Eagle project reflected his desire to serve the community, his passion for small animals, and his desire to become a doctor of veterinary medicine. He organized and completed the construction of two small animal habitats for the Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at Oak Mountain State Park. The "release preparation cages" are in secluded places well away from the main building and were difficult to place, according to the center's director, who praised Justin for a "wonderful job."



Eagle Scout Justin Miller

Found: Black Cat

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council, Place # 2

A large, beautiful black cat with a white throat has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Max Davis for approximately three weeks. Max and Kris, who have been feeding the lost feline, report that the cat is very friendly. The cat has no collar or identification, but must be missed terribly by a nearby family. Because there is already an elderly cat in residence at the Davis home, this beautiful cat has to stay outside. Please call 988-0760 to claim.